

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1148**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Wyland**

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 295.7 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1148, as introduced, Wyland. Vehicles: disabled veterans.

Existing law defines a “disabled veteran” for purposes of the Vehicle Code as a person who, as a result of injury or disease suffered while on active service with the armed forces of the United States, suffers certain disabilities.

This bill would include within that definition a veteran who has a disability that has resulted in the assignment of a total disability rating by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs under a specified federal regulation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 295.7 of the Vehicle Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 295.7. A “disabled veteran” is ~~any~~ a person who, as a result  
4 of injury or disease suffered while on active service with the armed  
5 forces of the United States, suffers any of the following:

6 (a) Has a disability ~~which~~ *that* has been rated at 100 percent by  
7 the Department of Veterans Affairs or the military service from



1 which the veteran was discharged, due to a diagnosed disease or  
2 disorder which substantially impairs or interferes with mobility.

3 (b) Is so severely disabled as to be unable to move without the  
4 aid of an assistant device.

5 (c) Has lost, or has lost use of, one or more limbs.

6 (d) Has suffered permanent blindness, as defined in Section  
7 19153 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

8 *(e) Has a disability that has resulted in the assignment of a total*  
9 *disability rating by the United States Department of Veterans*  
10 *Affairs under Section 4.16 of Title 38 of the Code of Federal*  
11 *Regulations.*

